Key Terms: Characteristics of Speech Disorders

1. **Speech Disorders** – Disorders affecting the production of speech sounds, voice, or fluency.
2. **Voice Disorder** – Atypical production of voice quality, pitch, or loudness.
3. **Articulation Disorder** – Atypical production of speech sounds, including substitutions, distortions, additions, or omissions.
4. **Fluency Disorder** – Atypical flow of verbal expression, characterized by impaired rate and rhythm.
5. **Stuttering (Developmental Stuttering)** – A fluency disorder involving part-word repetitions, prolongations, and dysfluencies.
6. **Dysfluency** – A disruption in the forward flow of speech, such as repetitions or prolonged sounds.
7. **Interjections** – Words or sounds inserted into speech that interrupt the flow (e.g., "um," "ah").
8. **Revisions** – Corrections or changes made during speech production.
9. **Incomplete Phrases** – Phrases that are cut off before completion.
10. **Broken Words** – Words interrupted mid-production.
11. **Prolonged Sounds** – Sounds extended longer than typical in speech.
12. **Repetitions** – Repeating sounds, syllables, words, or phrases in speech.
13. **Struggle Behaviors** – Physical behaviors (foot taps, arm swings, eye blinks) used to cope with dysfluencies.
14. **Organic Etiology** – A medical or physiological cause of a speech disorder.
15. **Educational Intervention** – Strategies designed to support students with speech disorders based on their individual characteristics and needs.
16. **Voice Quality** – The perceptual characteristics of voice, including timbre and resonance.
17. **Pitch** – The perceived highness or lowness of a voice.
18. **Loudness** – The perceived volume of speech.
19. **Substitution** – Replacing one speech sound with another (e.g., "Tham" for "Sam").
20. **Distortion** – Misarticulation that alters the sound of speech.
21. **Addition** – Inserting extra sounds into words (e.g., "sumber" for "summer").
22. **Omission** – Leaving out sounds in words (e.g., "yeterday" for "yesterday").